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Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 21 and 31-48, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 22 to read as follows:

22. (Twice Amended) A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator by increasing the internal pressure of the reservoir and forcing said compound through a regulatable valve; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying at least one of the internal pressure of the reservoir and the position of the regulatable valve, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

Please add the following new claims:

--49. A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when an herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator by decreasing the volume of the reservoir and forcing said compound through a regulatable valve; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying either the volume of the reservoir or the position of the regulatable valve, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when an

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herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests such as insects can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

50. A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when an herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator through a regulatable valve; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying either the volume of the reservoir or the position of the regulatable valve, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when an herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests such as insects can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

51. A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying the volume of the reservoir, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

52. A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a

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herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator by increasing the internal pressure of the reservoir and forcing said compound through a regulatable valve; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying at least one of the internal pressure of the reservoir and the position of the regulatable valve, and providing a valve and regulating the valve to maintain an open channel of communication between the reservoir and the applicator to permit a controllable flow from the applicator to the reservoir, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.

53. A method for eliminating unwanted vegetation growth when a herbicide is used or for eliminating or controlling crawling pests such as insects when a pesticide is used, comprising the steps of: (a) providing a compound comprising a herbicide or pesticide compound in a reservoir; (b) selectively delivering the herbicide or pesticide compound from the reservoir to an applicator; (c) directly contacting a surface with the applicator; and (d) regulating the flow of said herbicide or pesticide delivered by said applicator to the surface by varying at least one of the internal pressure of the reservoir and the position of a regulatable valve, wherein the step of regulating with a valve includes applying a force to move a valve element from a first position to a second position which permits flow communication from said reservoir to said applicator, and releasing the force being applied to allow the valve element to be maintained in said second position, wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting unwanted vegetation when a herbicide is provided in the reservoir, and wherein the step of directly contacting a surface comprises contacting a surface which crawling pests can cross when a pesticide is provided in the reservoir.--